

Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Group 2624

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## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)		RECEIVED
KAZUYOSHI SUMIUCHI	:	Examiner: D. Tran	FEB 0 4 2003
	) :	Group Art Unit: 2624	Technology Center 2600
Application No.: 09/342,926	)		
Filed: June 30, 1999	)		
For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)		
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	January 30, 2003	
Commissioner for Patents			

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 2, 5 to 7, 16, 12 and 14 as shown in the attached Appendix. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows: